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Article 1. The Pastor of this Church shall be a mem-
er of it, and shall be its standing Moderator.

Art. 2. At any business meeting, in the absence of the
Ioderator, or in his inability to serve, a moderator *pro tem.*
hall be chosen.

Art. 3. Any ordinary business of the Church may be
ransacted at the close of the first and third weekly meetings
or social worship in each month, or at the last Church meeting
receding each communion service.

Art. 4. Special business meetings may be called at any
ime by a notice being given from the desk on the Sabbath, or
y a written notice being served upon the resident members at
east two days previous to the time of meeting.

Art. 5. At the first regular meeting in January a clerk
hall be chosen to keep the records of the Church, and a list
f the members; and he shall hold his office until his successor
s appointed.

Art. 6. The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated on the
first Sabbath of the months of January, March, May, July,
September and November of each year; and the weekly meet-
ing last preceding each communion service shall be especially

devoted to preparation for the proper reception of that ord nance.

Art. 7. Members of this Church removing elsewhe will be expected to take letters of dismission from this Churc and recommendation to the Church with which they worshi *within one year* from the time of their change of residence or else to report themselves to the officers of this Church a often as once in twelve months.

Art. 8. All letters given by this Church shall be vali *six months only* from their date, and members, receiving suc letters, shall not vote in business meetings of the Church, ex cept on return of the letter.

Art. 9. In case of discipline the course of procedu shall be that laid down in Mat. 18: 15–17.

Art. 10. Any alteration in these rules may be made a any regular meeting of the Church by a three-fourths vote o the members present: *provided*, that notice of the propose change has been given at a previous regular meeting. Ther may also be a temporary suspension of any one of these rule when the Church shall so direct.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. You believe in one God,*a* subsisting in three ersons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;*b* a Being of infinite erfection,*c* and the only proper object of religious worship.*d*

a. Deut. 6: 4, and 4: 35, 39. 1 Cor. 8: 4; Isai. 44: 6, 8. Gal. 3: 0. John 17: 3. 1 Tim. 2: 5.

b. Mat. 28: 19. 2 Cor. 13: 14. John 1: 1. 10: 30. Isai. 48: 16. cts 5: 3, 4.

c. Incomprehensible:—Job. 11: 7–9, and 37: 23, and 26: 14. Rom. 1: 33, Eternal:—Deut. 33: 27. Ps. 90: 2. Heb. 1: 12. 1 Tim. 1: 17. ev. 1: 8. Heb. 13: 8. Unchangeable:—James 1: 17. Ps. 102: 25–27. lmighty:—Gen. 35: 11. Ex. 6: 2, 3. Rev. 1: 8. 19: 6. Mat. 19: 26. mnipresent:—Ps. 139: 3, 5, 7–10. Jer. 23: 23, 24. Omniscient:—Ps. 39: 1–4, 11, 12. Prov. 5: 21. Heb. 4: 13. 1 John 3: 20. Isai. 46: 9, 0. Holy, just, good and true:—1 John 4: 8, 9. Ps. 145: 8, 9. Isai. 6: . Ex. 33: 18, 19, and 34: 6, 7. Deut. 32: 4. Rev. 4: 8.

d. Mat. 4: 10. Rev 22: 8, 9. Ex. 20: 2–5.

ART. 2. You believe the Holy Scriptures to be the inpired Word of God; the only and sufficient rule of faith and ractice.*e*

e. 2 Tim. 3:16. 2 Pet. 1: 21. Hos. 8: 12. John 5: 39. Ps. 19: . Heb. 4: 12. Ps. 119: 9, 98, 104, 105, 128, 130, 160. Mat. 22: 29. sai. 8: 20. 2 Saml. 23: 1, 2. Gal. 1: 11, 12.

ART. 3. You believe that all events are embraced within he wise and holy providence of God, who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will;*f* yet so as in nowise to interfere with the perfect freedom of the creature.*g*.

f. Eph. 1: 11. Isai. 14: 24, 27. Acts 17: 26. Job 14: 5. Luke 22: 22. Acts 2: 23, and 4: 27, 28. 1 Pet. 2: 8. Philip. 2: 12, 13. Acts 17: 28. Rom. 11: 36. Prov. 21: 1. Ps. 105: 25. Rev. 17: 17. 2 Thes. 2: 11, 12. Rom. 9: 15–18. Mat. 10: 29.

g. Philip. 2; 12, 13. Acts 2; 23, and 4; 27, 28. Luke 22; 22. 2 Sam. 24; 1, 10. Acts 13; 48, 27.

Art. 4. You believe that our first parents were originally holy and happy,*i* but that by disobedience they fell into a state of depravity and misery;*l* and that, in consequence of their fall, all mankind are now, in their natural state, depraved, alienated from God, and justly exposed to eternal death.*m*

i. Gen. 1; 26, 27. Eccles. 7; 29. Gen. 3; 6.

l. Gen. 3; 17. Rom. 6; 23. Gal. 3; 10. Mat. 25; 46.

m. Rom. 5; 12, 15–19. 1 Cor. 15; 22. Compared with Rom. 6; 23. Ex. 20; 5, and 34; 7. Ps. 58; 3, and 51; 5. Job 15; 14. John 3; 6. Gen. 6; 5. Rom. 7; 18. and 8; 7, 8. 1 Cor. 2; 14. Gen. 8; 21. Col. 2; 13. Eph. 2; 1–3. 2 Cor. 5; 14. Rom. 3; 9–20.

Art. 5. You believe that Jesus Christ is God, as well as man,*n* and that by His obedience and suffering, as an atoning Mediator, He has prepared the way for the consistent pardon and salvation of all who repent and believe the Gospel.*o*

n. John 10; 18, 30, and 5; 17, 18, and 8; 58, and 3; 13, 36, and 17; 5, 10. Rev. 1; 17, 18. John 1; 1, 14. 1 John 5; 20. Isai. 9; 6. Ps. 45; 31, 6. Heb. 1; 8. Isai. 6; 1, 3, 5, compared with John 12; 41. Dan. 2; 47, compared with Rev. 19; 16. Rom. 9; 5. Philip. 2; 6. Heb. 1; 3. Col. 2; 9, 10. Heb. 13; 8. Col. 1; 16, 17. Heb. 1; 6. John 5; 23. Acts 7; 59.

o. Mat. 26; 26–28. Rev. 7; 14. Eph. 1; 7. Rev. 5; 9. 1 Peter 2; 24. Mat. 20; 28. Col. 1; 14. Heb. 13; 12, and 10, 19, and 9; 12, 14, 15, 22–28. Isai. 53; 3–12. 1 John 2; 2. Heb. 2; 9. 1 Tim. 2; 6. 2 Cor. 5; 14, 15. John 1; 29, and 1; 16, 17, and 6; 51. Gal. 3; 13.

Art. 6. You believe that the Divine Law remains in full force, under the Gospel, as a rule of life.*p*

p. Rom. 3; 31. Mat. 5; 17, 18, 48. Luke 16; 17. Mark 12; 30, 31.

Art. 7. You believe that man is by nature so inclined

evil, that he will never truly repent and obey the Gospel, except he be renewed by the Holy Spirit of God;*q* nor will he renewed persevere in holiness, except by the continual aids of Divine Grace.*r*

q. John 1; 13, and 3; 3–8. Ezek. 36; 26, 27. Titus 3; 5. James 1; 18. John 6; 65.

r. Philip. 2; 12, 13. 1 Cor. 3; 6, 7, 9. 1 Pet. 1; 5. Heb. 13; 20, 21.

Art. 8. You believe that those who are regenerated were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy,"*s* and are confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in them, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."*t*

s. Acts 13; 48. Mat. 20; 15, 16. Eph 1; 4. John 15; 16, 19. Mat. 11; 25–27. John 17; 2, 6, 9, 24. 2 Thes. 2; 13. 1 Cor. 4; 7. 1 Thes. 1; 4. Rom. 9; 11, 12, and 8; 28–30, 33. 1 Peter 1; 2. Rom. 11; 5–7.

t. John 10; 27–29. Jer. 32; 40. Ps. 37; 23, 24. Phillip. 1; 6. Rom. 8; 30, 38, 39. Job. 17; 9. Prov. 4; 18. 2 Tim. 4; 6–8, 18. 1 Pet. 1; 3, 4. Mat. 24; 24.

Art. 9. You believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general Judgment,*v* from which the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.*w*

v. John 5; 28, 29. Acts 24; 15, and 26; 8. 1 Cor. 15; 12–58. Dan. 12; 2. Acts 17; 31. Rom. 14; 10, 12. Jude 6. Rev. 20; 11–13. Eccles. 11; 9, and 12; 14. 1 Cor. 4; 5.

w. Mat. 25; 31–34, 41, 46, and 13; 30, 40–43, 49, 50. Luke 16; 22–26. 2 Thes. 1; 9, 10. Mark 9; 43, 44, and 14; 21.

Art. 10. You believe that a Church, Patriarchal, Jew-

ish. or Christian, has existed in all ages,[x] and that for the lat-
ter Christ instituted the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord'
Supper, for the edification and comfort of believers.[y]

x. Acts 7; 38. Eph. 2; 20–22. Rom. 11; 16–24. Gal. 3; 29.

y. Mat. 28; 19, and 26; 26–30. Mark 14; 22–26. Luke 22; 19
20. 1 Cor. 11; 23–29.

Art. 11. You believe that Baptism is to be adminis-
tered only to believers and their children;[z] and the Lord'
Supper to those who publicly profess their Faith in Christ, and
walk according to their profession.[a]

z. 1 Cor. 7; 14. Luke 18; 15, 16. Isa. 44; 3, compared with Gal
3; 14. Acts 16; 14, 15. 31, 33. 1 Cor. 1; 16. Acts 8; 36, 37. Gen. 17
7, compared with Gal. 3; 29.

a. 1 Cor. 11; 27–29. 2 Cor. 13; 5.

COVENANT.

You do now, in the presence of the heart-searching God, and before angels and men, solemnly avouch the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to be your God,[2] Jesus Christ to be your Saviour,[3] and the Holy Ghost to be your Sanctifier ;[4] promising that, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust, you will live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world,[5] giving up yourself (selves) and yours, to be the Lord's.[6]

You also bind yourself (selves) to walk with us in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord,[7] discharging, according to your station, the various duties of family[8] and secret prayer,[9] keeping the Holy Sabbath,[10] and attending public worship,[11] and covenanting that you will walk with your fellow-members in all brotherly love, as becomes the followers of Jesus,[12] and that you will submit to the government of Christ in this Church, to all the administrations and censures of it, so far as they accord with the word of God.[13]

2. Deut. XXVI ; 17, 18. Mat. XXVIII ; 19.—3. Acts V; 31.—4. Ezek. XXXVI ; 27.—5. 2 Timothy II ; 19 —6. Rom. XII ; 1.—7. 1. John II ; 4.—8. Jer. X ; 25.—9. Mat. VI ; 6.—10. Exod. XX; 8, 9, 10, 11—11. Luke IV; 16.—12. John XIII; 35.—13. Mat. XVIII ; 17.

RECEPTION BY THE CHURCH.*

Then doth this Church also affectionately receive you to its communion and fellowship, bidding you a cordial welcome, as a fellow-citizen (fellow-citizens) with the saints, and of the household of God.

And, solemnly renewing this day our covenant with God and with each other, we do also now, humbly depending on the grace of God, solemnly covenant with you, severally promising you our prayers and christian love, and engaging to walk with you, as becometh saints, in all christian watchfulness, charity, and brotherly kindness.

And now, "unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever; Amen."

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* The whole Church are requested to rise, and stand, while the form of reception is pronounced.

ROLL.

SEPTEMBER, 1867.

PASTOR.

REV. LESTER H. ELLIOT,

Ordained and Installed May 2d, 1866.

DEACONS.

	Elected.
Hiram Rood,	July 15, 1864
Hiram Paddock,	May 3, 1867

MEMBERS.

	Admitted.
Ayer, Fanny W. (Ellis) Mrs. Alonzo; w	Oct., 1864
Ballard, Alfred C.,	May, 1866
Bascom, Adaline,	Sept., 1867
Bigwood, Mary A. (Herrick) Mrs. Samuel,	Mar., 1862
Blinn, Maria E. (Harrington) Mrs. Chauncey,	May, 1841
Bosworth, Martha (Luce) Mrs. Nathaniel; w	May, 1837
Batlin, Ellen F. (Boardman) Mrs. Geo.; w	Mar., 1862
Chamberlain, Newton E.,	Aug., 1866
Chamberlain, Italy A. (Hogle) Mrs. N. E.,	Aug., 1866
Coleman, Mary A.,	Jan., 1867

Edwards, Mary A. (Kimball) Mrs. A. B.,	Jan., 185
Elliot, Lester H.,	May, 186
Elliot, Lois M. (Tolman) Mrs. L. H.,	Nov., 186
Ellis, B. W.,	Sept., 186
Ellis, Margaret (Bothwell) Mrs. B. W.,	Sept., 186
Farmer, Alvira,	Aug., 186
Frost, Perley W.,	Dec., 183
Hood, Albert O.,	Jan., 186
Hoose, Martha (Arms) Mrs. Henry ; w	Dec., 186
Keeler, George,	Mar., 185
Kent, Elizabeth O. (Atwater) Mrs. P. J.,	May, 186
Kidder, Roselia (Frazer) Mrs. William,	Sept., 186
Lee, Permelia,	Aug., 186
McNeil, Agnes (Manwell) Mrs. John ; w	Dec., 183
Merrill, Timothy N.,	April, 186
Merrill, Harriet (Hunting) Mrs. T. N.,	April, 186
Paddock, Hiram,	Jan., 186
Paddock, Isabella E. (Smith) Mrs. Hiram,	Jan., 186
Papineau, Francis X.,	May, 186
Papineau, Nancy (Burlette) Mrs. F. X.,	May, 186
Parsons, James A.,	Dec., 184
Parsons, Lydia H. (Kelley) Mrs. J. A.,	Oct., 184
Parsons, Mary Eliza,	Mar , 186
Peck, Eliza J. (Keeler) Mrs. Eli,	Mar., 185

vell, Wm.,	July, 1867
vell, Julia A. (Lee) Mrs. Wm.,	July, 1867
ynolds, William V.,	May, 1866
ynolds, Esther (Marsh) Mrs. Wm. V.,	May, 1866
ynolds, Seymour L.,	May, 1866
od, Hiram,	May, 1849
od, Mary (Sheldon) Mrs. Hiram,	May, 1849
ley, Abbie (Davis) Mrs. Timothy,	June, 1866
lker, John,	July, 1863
lker, Ellen (Straiton) Mrs. John,	July, 1863
rdwell, Elizabeth (Smith) Mrs. W. W.,	Mar., 1841
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